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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Honorable Sir:

Applicants herein respectfully request in this petition a three (3) month extension of time as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a), from October 31, 2002 to January 31, 2003, within which to respond to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2002 regarding the above-identified application.

Please charge the required non-small entity three (3) month extension fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) as well as any additional required fee to deposit account 02-1425. Triplicate copies of this petition are submitted herewith for billing purposes.

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